



## Mr. John R. Griggs

December 17, 1941 - August 9, 2016

John R. Griggs, 74, passed away on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at Hospice House in Bloomington. He was born on December 17, 1941 in Lafayette, IN., the third son of W. Kenneth and Era Griggs.

He was a graduate of Ellettsville High School, a loyal member of the 59ers Group. He received an undergraduate degree from Indiana University. He received a grant from the National Science Foundation and completed a graduate degree from the University of Notre Dame.

John was a very devout Christian and faithful member of All Saints Orthodox Church. He taught chemistry at Owen Valley High School before moving to Montana. There he did Defense Contract work at Big Sky Fabricators. He ended his work tenure as a Chemical Engineer at NWSC Crane.

He is survived by his wife MaryAnn (McKee) Griggs, son William (Michelle) Griggs, daughter, Jennifer (Raymond) Paguyo, foster daughter, Monica (Ben) Fulk, 4 granddaughters and 1 grandson, and 2 foster granddaughters and 3 foster great-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, and 1 sister.

Funeral services will be at All Saints Orthodox Church, 6004 S. Fairfax Road on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with calling on Sunday, August 14,

2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made at All Saints Church for feeding hungry in the Bloomington area. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Orthodox Church Cemetery

6004 S. Fairfax Road  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Orthodox Church  
6004 S. Fairfax Road  
Bloomington, IN 47401

## Visitation

AUG **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I had Mr Griggs for high school chemistry and physics. He left a huge impression on me, and made learning fun and engaging. I have many great memories of him I still share today with family and friends. He was a wonderful teacher and I will never forget him.  
OVHS Class of 81

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**Tim Morley** - September 25, 2023 at 10:27 AM

JM

“ I had Mr Griggs for high school chemistry and remember him well. One of the (many) things he said has stuck with me. Someone asked how he could be a scientist and believe in God at the same time. He very calmly said, "Science can explain almost everything, but it can never give the spark of life." I can "see" him standing at the chalkboard with his double jointed knees. Thank you, Mr Griggs!  
Thank you. Janet (Hicks) Marquissee , OVHS '81

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**Janet (Hicks) Marquissee** - May 14, 2020 at 12:16 PM

HO

“ Our condolences to the family. We missed seeing John and MaryAnn here in Rollins, MT this summer and hope to see MaryAnn back here soon. We will miss our roadside chats with John. God Bless!!!  
David and Julie Houghton

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**Houghton's** - August 23, 2016 at 12:51 PM

DS

“ Condolences to the family mr. Griggs was the best teacher I ever had just simply outstanding instructor did a wonderful job

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**David Schenck** - August 12, 2016 at 08:01 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. John R. Griggs.*



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August 12, 2016 at 01:25 AM



“ *I so remember his smile, his joy for teaching. Chemistry was an interesting and terrifying class for me. He would be proud to know that I aced chemistry and organic chemistry in college. Praying for peace and comfort for his family and friends.*

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**Denise Hall Eads** - August 11, 2016 at 10:59 PM



“ *I had Mr Griggs for chemistry in the first year new building opened at Owen Valley H.S. (1971-72). We were all so excited to be in the new building with all the modern appointments. He had a sublime sense of humor and a knack for making learning appealing. Will always remember his love of the US National Hotrod Association's National Dragraces each Labor Day in Indy. We just really enjoyed him and I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I always thought of him as dedicated and sincere with a lot of wisdom. Caring and Respected. Well done, good and faithful servant.*

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**Rob Babbs** - August 11, 2016 at 02:56 PM



“ *One of my favorite teachers! He was fair, kind and funny. To this day, if I see a periodic table, I think of Mr. Griggs.*

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**Jill Robinson** - August 11, 2016 at 11:49 AM

JD

“ My favorite teacher , had him for chemistry and physics , many wonderful memories of the time I spent in his class , so sorry to hear of his passing , he will be missed.



Joseph Daniel - August 11, 2016 at 11:36 AM

MK

“ Mr Griggs was a fabulous teacher. He wasn't easy but that is what made him so good. It is not a coincidence that many of his OV students thrived in Chemistry and Physics at the college level and beyond. Thank God that he was my teacher! Michel King

Michel King - August 11, 2016 at 10:34 AM

GM

“ George M. purchased the Fields of Europe for Sp ring for the family of Mr. John R. Griggs.



George M. - August 10, 2016 at 10:16 PM

SK

“ St. Herman's Church Family, Kalispell purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of Mr. John R. Griggs.



St. Herman's Church Family, Kalispell - August 10, 2016 at 04:01 PM